

MAYOR'S COMMISSION FOR CITIZENS WITH DISABILITIES

MINUTES DECEMBER 14, 2011

Members Present: Roger Daman Morry LaTour Tom Wilson Kristy Stambaugh Jill Barnett Sandra Cowan Andrea Strassburg

Guest: Cally Edwards Rachel Baker Paula Wiese David Goodpaster Daniel Maresca

The December meeting of the Mayor's Commission For Citizens With Disabilities was called to order at 9:18am by Andrea Strassburg. There was not enough members present to vote to accept the October minutes.

Cally Edwards who works for Wheels came to speak to us about if any of the customers/clients had any problems or questions about Wheels they could direct them to her and she would look into it. Wants educate riders on what is expected of them and what they can expect from Wheels. She is on getting everything that the customers might need to know about Wheels, who can ride and the process to be able to, the hours, and the no show policy into one document. As soon as it passed and is put into policy she will send it to Andrea.

Kristy Stambaugh reported on the Employment Committee and the Expo. The employment committee is working very busy because it is a part of the Celebration of Disabilities Expo this year. The morning of the Expo there will be from 8:00am to 10:30am there will be a employment seminar to enhance the awareness of employers on the benefits from hiring someone with a disability. We are starting with Minority Businesses in town that we will be sending out save the date for the Expo in January. We want them to come and learn about ADA law, the myths and misgivings about hiring a person with a disability, customized employment and how they can optimize their budgets by hiring a person with a disability, and technology for their office. We will have testimonials from disabled persons who are in the workforce to see what kind of technological things they are using if any on the job.

The contract with Lexington Center West which is the largest space has been signed for \$2800 and that was the amount we had in the bank for the Expo. The Expo will go from 10:30am or 11:00am to 4:00pm. So far we have 7 vendors but no sponsors.

The 2012 meeting date will be on the website.

Election of officers will have to be put off till January.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15am.

Sandra Cowan, Secretary